Frequent power failure in South Delhi

205. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there were frequent power failures in South Delhi, particularly in Survodaya Enclave and Malviya Nagar (especially block 90) during the last three months, due to low power generators;

(b) whether Government have received number of complaints from the residents of the areas and from some associations; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take to replace there low power generators by high power ones ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) According to DESU, the overall power supply in South Delhi has been, by and large, satisfactory. However, there have been some interruptions in supply in the areas of Sarvodaya Enclave and Malviya Nagar due to fault in the equipment and rains/storms etc. during the last three months.

(b) Yes, Sir. The complaints were attended to by DESU and the supply to the affected areas as a result of power failures was restored within reasonable time. According to DESU the position of supply in Sarvodaya Enclave and Malviya Nagar is satisfactory and there has been no breakdown since 1st July, 1986.

(c) Does not arise.

Electricity from sanitary landfills

206. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) what are the places where Government have helped different agencies/local bodies to extract combustible gas and to generate electricity from sanitary landfills;

(b) what are the estimated production of electricity from such schemes in Delhi; and

(c) what is the cost of production of energy from this source ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) The Deptt. of Non-Conventional Energy Sources has set up a pilot landfill gas extraction R&D project at the landfill site at Timarpur, Delhi.

(b) It is estimated that the Timarpur landfill site, measuring 80 acres may have a potential to generate about 4 MWe power. Presently, a 30 KVA alternator using a dual fuel engine, with gas extraction from eight wells in an area of 8 acres, is operating.

(c) The cost of production of power from the landfill gas is related to many factors, including overall methane yielding life of landfill site. Sufficient data is still not available to accurately estimate this cost. Indications, however, are that in scientifically designed and properly managed landfill sites, such projects will be quite favourable as compared to conventional sources of energy in regard to cost of energy production.

Allotment of Gas Agencies/Petrol Pumps

207. SHRI RAMSIN PATALIYABHAI RA[illegible] : Will the Minister of [illegible]UM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Gas Agencies and Petrol Pumps have been allotted to (1) Ex-servicemen (2) Disabled persons (3) War-widows (4) Scheduled Castes and Tribes (5) Minority Communities in various parts of the country

and particularly in Gujarat during the period from 1st January, 1985 to 30th June, 1986;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the criteria fixed for allotment of the gas agencies and petrol pumps;

(d) what are the targets if any, for the allotment to the above categories during the remaining part of the year and during 1st January, 1987 to 31st December, 1987; and

(e) how many complaints have been received during 1st January, 1986 to 30th June, 1986, regarding the misuse, less weight, corruption etc. against the Agents and Agency holders from Gujarat and what steps have been taken in such case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The existing policy for selection of distributors for LPG and MS/HSD Retail Outlets does not provide for reservation for (1) Ex-servicemen (2) Disabled persons (3) War-widows or (4) Minority Communities as such. The specified categories of reservation, which would also include persons relating to (1), (2) and (3) are given in the Statement below. The total number of LPG distributorships and MS/HSD Retail Outlets awarded under these specified categories as well as to members of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the country and in Gujarat between 1.1.85 and 30.6.86 is as below :

	Country	Gujarat
LPG Distributorships . . .	339	33
MMS HSD Retail Outlets .	391	22

(c) The marketing oil companies make appointment of LPG distributors on the basis of recommendations received from the Oil Selection Board concerned. In making selections from among eligible candidates, the Oil Selection Boards take the following factors into account;

(i) Personality;

(ii) business ability salesmanship

(iii) capacity to arrange finance and capability to provide facilities;

(iv) preparedness for working full-time as a dealer; and

(v) general assessment and extra-curricular activities.

(d) For the reason enumerated in the answer to parts (a) and (b), there are no targets for categories other than SC/ST. In respect of SC/ST, while it is the endeavour of the oil companies and Oil Selection Boards to complete selection for locations pending from earlier annual Marketing Plans, as well as the current year's Marketing Plan it is not feasible to indicate a target.

(e) The total number of complaints of various kinds received by oil marketing companies other than IOC in Gujarat relating to LPG and MS/HSD distributorship during 1-1-86 and 30-6-86 was 117. Action in accordance with the Marketing Discipline Guidelines was taken in these cases after suitable enquiry.

Information in effect of IOC will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

Reservation for various categories

1.	Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes (SC/ST)	25%
2.	*Physically Handicapped (PH)*: Physically Handicapped/Government Personnel disabled on duty (other than Defence Personnel/Widows of Government Personnel (other than Defence Personnel) who die in the course of duty	7-1/2%
3.	*Defence Category (DC)* Defence Personnel who are permanently and severely disabled either in war or in Military duty during peace time. Widows and motherless dependents of Defence Personnel whose husbands/ guardians are killed while on Military duty either in war or peace; Extremely deserving cases of Ex-servicemen who have no means of livelihood (only such cases will be considered under this category as are recommended by the Directorate General of Resettlement/ Defence Ministry).	7-1/2%
4.	Freedom Fighters (FF)	5%
5.	Others* (Open) *Within this category of 'Open', other things being equal, preference would be given to Unemployed Graduates and amongst them, Unemployed Engineering Graduates would be given prior preference.	55%

Appointment of Economic Advisers

208. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the qualification laids down for appointment of a Economic/ Additional Economic Advisers in his Ministry;

(b) whether some appointments on an ad-hoc basis have been made recently in contravention of the rules; and

(c) whether UPSC has cleared such appointments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) As per existing recruitment rules, an economist of standing, preferably possessing a Doctorate in Economics with evidence of independent research and administrative experience qualifies for appointment as Economic Adviser. The recruitment rules for the Post of Additional Economic Adviser are under formulation in consultation with Union Public Service Commission.

(a) and (b) The post of Economic Adviser has been filled on regular basis through Union Public Service Commission.

In view of the exigencies of service and in the public interest the post of Additional Economic adviser was filled on an ad-hoc basis with the approval of the Government and this fact reported to the UPSC.

Production of XE-100 Scooters by M/s. Lohia Machines

209. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s. Lohia Machines Limited have failed to ach-